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COST. 26 59. The expression vector of claim 28<sup>15</sup> wherein said polypeptide consists of a sequence of amino acid residues as shown in SEQ ID NO:2 from residue 226 to residue 345.

#### REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is requested. These amendments have been made for business reasons, solely to expedite the prosecution of claims drawn to certain preferred embodiments of Applicants' invention. These amendments have not been made for reasons related to patentability, and no claim has been rejected for reasons related to patentability. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims to cancelled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

A marked-up copy of the amended claims is enclosed as an Appendix.

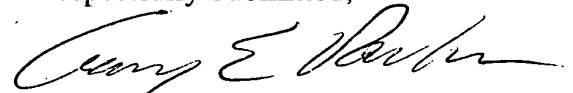
Support for the amended claims is found within the application as filed, including at pages 18-20, 27, 37-38, 42-51, 77-78, 107-108, and elsewhere. No new matter has been added.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the invention of Group II, claims 3-32. With entry of the above amendments, claims 3, 11, 15, 17, 22, 25, 26, 28-32, and 46-59 are believed to correspond to Group II. Further examination of these claims is requested.

For purposes of examination, Applicants elect a single-chain species as set forth in claim 3. Species elections (b), (c), and (d) set forth in the Office Action are believed to be obviated by the amendments to the claims. Claims 3, 11, 15, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, 32, 46, 47, 48, and 49 are believed to read on this species.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.

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Enclosures:

Appendix  
Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)  
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